TAKEN IN
AND DONE FOR.

Air : Down in Piccadilly.

One day, I strolled out West, round every street went dodging,
Attired in very best, in search of a quiet lodging.
In one a card I saw, which nearly did me stun : for,
It said : " Young single men taken in and done for. "

I determined it to try : so, pulled at the bell-handle,
When the door did open fly, and there stood Mrs. Randall.
As a week's deposit, I did pay her Ten dollars for,
And next day I went, oh, my ! to be taken in and done for.

They nice folks seemed to be, and the daughter, Juliana,
Said : If I liked, that she would teach me the piano.
Like spiders, round me they a regular web had spun for :
And, from that very day, I was taken in and done for !

I was bested every day : so, said to them, one morning :
Bring my week's bill, I'll pay : for, I mean to give you warning.
They quick brought it to me, which almost did me stun : for,
I, at a glance, could see I'd been taken in and done for.

Spoken : This is her week's bill, which she considered moderate.. so did I !
" Mr. William Hope Debtor to Mrs. Randall :
Fifty cents for soap, and twenty cents for a candle :
Seventy-five cents for coals, Etcetras Ten dollars for. "
Said I to myself : By goles ! I've been taken in and done for !

I tried to leave the place, but was stopped by Mrs. Randall.
With soot she blacked my face, and did me roughly handle.
A mob there was outside, which I did seem great fun for.
" There goes a cove, they cried, that's been taken in and done foo ! "

So, single young men, pray, don't good advice be scorning,
List well to what I say, and take a friendly warning,
And be advised by me such lodgings always shun : for,
If you don't, you'll quietly see you'll be taken in and done for !